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The presentation will focus on how climate change, urbanization, and international travel play a role in the spread of infectious diseases on the African continent. Specifically, it will provide current examples where projects involving community awareness, early detection, surveillance, research capacity, and multi-sectoral collaboration are successfully addressing infectious disease challenges and can be replicated in an African context and in other parts of the world. The work of the Institut Pasteur de Dakar will be highlighted, including its mobile laboratory unit and training provided to Brazilians in the early days of the Zika outbreak.

The goal is to provide a thought-provoking, philosophical overview to inspire the audience into action, specifically showing how taking into account local sensibilities are key to addressing challenges that are regional and international in scope.